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**RESPONSE TO TELEPHONE RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Pursuant to a telephone restriction requirement from Examiner Bernhardt on July 25, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, wherein Ring A is piperazinyl. In response to the request for a provisional election of species upon which to commence examination, applicants elect the compound of Example 3:

(R)-[(2S,5R)-2-Methyl-5-methyl-4-(thien-2-ylsulphonyl)-1-(3,3,3-trifluoro-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropionyl)piperazine]

Prior to taking up this application for a first Action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: